



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
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December 30, 2009

Dear Family Preservation Services Provider:

I am writing to provide you with information about recent budget reductions to Family Preservation Services (FPS). DSHS Secretary Susan N. Dreyfus and Assistant Secretary Denise Revels Robinson sent letters out discussing the difficult and serious reductions outlined by the Governor. If you have not received these messages, you can find them at the links provided at the end of this letter.

The Governor released her proposed budget on December 9, 2009, and this budget reduces funding for FPS by 50 percent. To implement this change Children's Administration needs to meet with you to identify new ways FPS can safely mitigate core risk and reasonably assure a child's safety within the Governor's new budget.

To support the work that needs to be done, we have set up:

- A conference call to answer general questions and outline the next steps. The call is scheduled for:
 - January 7, 2010 starting at 10:00 a.m.
 - To participate, please call (360) 407-3780 and use the pin number 229728# to join
- An in-person meeting to develop concrete recommendations for CA to achieve necessary cost savings for FPS while ensuring child safety. The meeting is schedule for:
 - January 15, 2010 starting at 10:00 a.m.
 - At the CA Kent office (directions attached) for those attending in person
 - To participate by teleconference please call (360) 407-3780 and use the pin number 229728# to join

I want to thank you for your partnership and commitment to provide quality services to families in crisis. Children's Administration values the services you provide to improve the outcomes for the children and families we serve.

If you have questions after the conference calls, please contact Tim Kelly at tim.kelly@dshs.wa.gov or (360) 902-7772. You can also visit the DSHS website at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/geninfo/SupplementalBudget.html> and view the Secretary's message or the budget document itself. You can also view Assistant Secretary Denise Revels Robinson's message concerning the budget by clicking on this link <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ca/LtrCommunityPartners121409.pdf>.

Thank you for all that you do for children and families.

Sincerely,

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